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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO SET THE PRECEPT/BUDGET FOR 2015/2016 HELD IN  
 THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2015**

Present: Cllr Mrs R Wyvern Batt (Chairman)  
 Cllr T Ackland  
 Cllr A Best  
 Cllr Mrs T Board  
 Cllr H Bradford  
 Cllr S Caddick  
 Cllr T Coleman  
 Cllr P Greenough  
 Cllr G Higginson  
 Cllr Mrs K La Borde  
 Cllr Ms C Rashleigh

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)  
 3 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone and wished them a Good Evening. The meeting was recorded.

**1. FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Clerk read out the Fire Evacuation Procedure.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Darby who was away.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

a) Cllr Mrs T Board's permanent declaration of interest in accordance with LGA 2000: My beneficial interest in Breage Parish Council owned land registered V.G.621 Praa Green, is that my adjoining property has gate access.

**b) To note declarations of interest in accordance with LGA 2000 - Members and officers to declare non-registerable interests or disclosable pecuniary interests (including details thereof) in respect of any items on this agenda and unless you have the benefit of a current and relevant dispensation in relation to these items you must:**

- (i) not participate, or participate further, in any discussions of these items at the meeting;
- (ii) not participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on these items at the meeting; and
- (iii) remove yourself from the meeting while any discussion or vote takes place on these items, to the extent that you are required to absent yourself in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders or other procedural rules.

Where a Member has a non-registerable interest in an item that does not benefit from a valid dispensation and that interest only arises from the Member's participation in or Membership of a body whose objects or purposes are charitable, philanthropic or otherwise for the benefit of the community the Member may, (with the permission of the Chairman of the meeting or until such time as the Chairman directs the Member to stop) address the meeting to provide such information as they reasonably consider might inform the debate and decision to be made before complying with b) None were declared.

c) To take consideration of written requests for dispensations  
 No requests were made.

**d) Members to give consideration as to whether their Register of Interest forms are fully up to date**  
 Nothing was reported.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda or in respect of something they wish to bring to the Parish Council's attention for inclusion on a future agenda and may speak for a period of time which is at the Chairman's discretion

A question asked by a member of the public during this public participation session shall not require a response or debate

The Chairman may direct that a response to a question posed by a member of the public be referred to a Councillor for oral response or to the Clerk for a written or oral response

A record of the public participation session shall be included on a separate page in the minutes of the meeting

Public participation was held here from 7.01 to 7.06 p.m.

**6. FINANCE**

**a) To consider the Accounts Team's recommendations for grants for the Financial Year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 and resolve whether they are to be awarded or not**

A straightforward grant was **not** recommended for Praa Sands Access Defibrillator Fund. It was suggested that once 80% of the required funding has been raised BPC could grant £100 towards each of the two machines. \*Therefore £200 has been allocated but will not be paid until the above criteria have been reached. It was also suggested that BPC could purchase the machines, with the Defibrillator Team providing the donation money and thus the VAT could be reclaimed. Ashton Snooker Club has asked if an emergency donation could be made as they need the heaters to preserve the work they have done and to keep them warm. It is recommended that relevant invoices are seen to cover awarded grants.

- (i) **An Emergency grant payment to be paid now** LGA 1976 MP s19 grant of £497.60 towards heater purchase and dehumidifier hire for Ashton Snooker Club

**must be resolved thus: In pursuance of the power conferred by Local Government Act Miscellaneous Provisions 1972 Section 19 and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of this section the Council approves the immediate payment of grant (i) as an emergency payment**

After discussion, during which assertion was made that after the horrendous storm damage to their building, the Snooker Club Members had worked hard to raise money to have the building restored, it was agreed that it would be a pity to waste the effort and work by allowing damp and cold to get into the building. **It was proposed by SC, seconded by TA and unanimously resolved that in pursuance of the power conferred by Local Government Act Miscellaneous Provisions 1972 Section 19 and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of this section the Council approves the immediate payment of grant (i) as an emergency payment.**

The following to be paid in May 2016:

- (ii) LGA 1972 s145 grant of £800 towards running costs for Breage and District Silver Band  
**It was proposed by SC, seconded by TB and unanimously resolved that an LGA 1972 s145 grant of £800 towards running costs be awarded to Breage and District Silver Band**
  - (iii) LGA 1976 MP s19 grant of £500 towards roofing for Praa Sands and District Community Centre  
**It was proposed by TB, seconded by PG and unanimously resolved that an LGA 1972 s145 grant of £500 towards roofing be awarded to Praa Sands and District Community Centre.**
  - (iv) \*S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £200 towards 2 defibrillators Praa Sands Defibrillator Group or BPC purchase the machines and the Group provide a donation thus enabling BPC to reclaim the VAT  
**It was proposed by TC, seconded by GH and unanimously resolved that an S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £200 towards 2 defibrillators be awarded to Praa Sands Defibrillator Group or BPC purchase 2 machines and the Group provide a donation thus enabling BPC to reclaim the VAT.**
  - (v) S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £90 for the Royal British Legion towards poppy wreaths for the Remembrance Sunday Service 2012 and s145 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £50 towards the cost of Breage Band playing at the service  
**It was proposed by TA, seconded by TC and unanimously resolved that an S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £90 for poppy wreaths for the Remembrance Sunday Service 2016 be awarded to the Royal British Legion Royal British Legion and an s145 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £50 towards the cost of the band playing at the service be awarded to Breage and District Silver Band.**
  - (vi) Part 1 s2 Parish Councils Act 1957 Ch42, grant of £50 for Breage Parochial Church Council towards maintenance of Village clock  
**It was proposed by TA, seconded by SC and unanimously resolved that a Part 1 s2 Parish Councils Act 1957 Ch42, grant of £50 for towards the maintenance of Village clock be awarded to Breage Parochial Church Council.**
  - (vii) S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £250 to Cornwall Air Ambulance towards assistance for Parishioners needing aid  
**It was proposed by GH, seconded by SC and unanimously resolved that an S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £250 to towards assistance for Parishioners needing aid be awarded to Cornwall Air Ambulance.**
  - (viii) S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £50 to help Victim Support Cornwall run the Witness Service in criminal courts. This helps victims, witnesses, families and friends in Truro Magistrates Courts and Crown Court  
**It was proposed by PG, seconded by HB and unanimously resolved that an S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £50 to help run the Witness Service in criminal courts, (This helps victims, witnesses, families and friends in Truro Magistrates Courts and Crown Court ), be awarded to Victim Support Cornwall.**
  - (ix) S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £50 to CAB Penzance, nearest branch, to help Parishioners  
**It was proposed by TB, seconded by CR and unanimously resolved that an S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £50 to help Parishioners be awarded to CAB Penzance, (nearest branch).**
  - (x) S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £50 to CRUSE Bereavement Care Cornwall to help in supporting 19 bereaved people in the TR13 Breage Parish Area  
**It was proposed by AB, seconded by TC and unanimously resolved that an S137 The Local Governments Act 1972 grant of £50 to help in supporting 19 bereaved people in the TR13 Breage Parish Area be awarded to CRUSE Bereavement Care Cornwall.**
  - (xi) S137 and other grants - £100 towards emergency grants during year  
**It was proposed by TB, seconded by HB and unanimously resolved that an S137 and other grants - £100 be allocated towards emergency grants during the year.**
- b) To consider and discuss the Accounts Team's recommendations for the Parish Council Precept/Budget for the Financial Year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017**

All present had been supplied with a list of the Accounts Team's recommendations and the Clerk explained that individual items would not be read out but asked that Councillors raised for discussion any items from the list. No resolutions would be made until the discussion had ended. She asked that each Councillor speak in turn and the Chairman asked that Councillors follow round clockwise and raise any matters. One item was discussed in great length – The possible Precepting for Praa Sands Toilets, with many matters raised.

Councillors from Carleen and Ashton had discussed the matter with some 66 Parishioners of which 65 of the 66 were against an addition to the Precept for the toilets. These people said that they did not go to the beach and did not use the toilets and asked why Cornwall Council was not doing what it was supposed to do.

It was pointed out by others that Parishioners cannot pick what they pay for on their Council Tax. A lot of people do not go to Praa Sands. Some people do not have street lights but do not pay less Council Tax because of that.

A Councillor explained that they go out and about a great deal and expected to find toilets where they went and these were paid for by the other residents in these places. The local businesses should be supported and they gain by having the toilets. Tourism brings in a massive amount of money. They felt it to be the Parish Council's duty to see that the toilets remained in use.

There was concern that the future needs would be unknown regarding infrastructure and if major problems arose, how the costs would be met. Councillors stressed concern that phone calls, etc. would need to be answered and did not wish the Clerk to be burdened.

Further concern was expressed about maintenance/replacement and new infrastructure and it was asked, who would do this? It was remembered by a Councillor that it is apparently in the public record that the 'Pitch and Putt' was the funding stream for the toilets run for the County Council, earmarked for paying costs for the toilets and they did not feel that Council Tax payers should be paying it as the matter would 'come back and bite the Parish Council'. It was adding to the funding stream for the Council Tax payers. They did not think that there should be a precedent to start adding funding streams for structures. Another Councillor – a resident of Praa Sands for many years - had never heard of this and said that they would like to see evidence. There appeared to be none available and further long discussion ended without resolve.

It was asked if the people on the Committee had been in both the Ladies and Gents toilets. It was confirmed that they had.

One Councillor felt it to be a pity that CC had not held a referendum regarding the toilets and they did not feel they could support a 34% increase, £21.10 per household, on the Council Tax. It was asked that if it did go ahead that it would only be initially from April to September. They were sorry that the owner of the Sandbar would have the burden.

Concern was expressed that no money had been offered by the businesses and car park owners at Praa Sands or Germoe Parish Council. It was asked that the £1,500 to be given by RNLI annually should be taken off the suggested precept amount for the toilets, making it £23,500.

A Councillor felt that the expectation of the Precept to be full of premature implications that have been foisted on the Parish Council by Cornwall Council that should have a duty to the people it represents. People should have been asked – why have they not been? Anxiety was further expressed about the ongoing implications.

Another Councillor felt that this had not just been dumped on the Parish Council as it had been first talked about some three years back. The Parish Council just did not think it would happen. The Council has a duty of care. He felt that it has been clear that it has been coming. It was felt that visitors to holiday sites in the Parish will still come in 2016 but if they find no toilets, will not return in 2017.

It was pointed out that CC's deliberations with would be renters/purchasers were not completed until August this year so the Parish Council had not actually delayed.

Various Parish Councillors and Clerks had been asked how they have dealt with it. The precedent is that many have taken toilets on. One example is Gwithian that has no village and no businesses anywhere near. They are trying to collate a questionnaire. Most Parish Councils feel they can provide better service at reduced cost.

The Parish Council was asked to make a positive move.

It was stated that if there is no funding from 1 April the toilets will be shut and will just be an 86 sq m concrete block with everything underneath. It was felt that Council should try to keep the toilets going.

It was noted that there is no money and the situation is very difficult. By having the Parish Council increase the Precept there is a chance of keeping the toilets open. It is not known what will happen the following year as this would be only for 2016/2017.

We have already heard about libraries, etc. closing. The far more proactive part of Parish Councils is in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century not the 20<sup>th</sup>. Services should be provided for the Parishioners. Things have been passed down from Central Government and CC. It is no good to be hiding heads in the sand. Money is not going to be available. The PC Council has already voted against providing weed killing services on the roads and footways in the Parish. Lots of other things will be coming.

It was felt to be a pity that that CC did not think as the previous Councillor has suggested.

Germoe Parish Council was not providing any money towards the toilets.

Central Government is passing on the responsibility and the PC will get all the flack. It is very difficult and hard to swallow.

The Vice-Chairman told the meeting that the PC was not voting to take on the toilets at this stage, only on precepting and providing an avenue. All that was being done at present was to provide an avenue to make a sensible decision. There would be an opportunity to vote against but he implored that the PC give the chance to have further discussion with CC.

During discussion, several Councillors spoke with distaste about the article in The West Briton about the Praa Sands Toilets taken from the interview given by Cllr Keeling, feeling that it had put great pressure on the Parish Council by pre-empting the Parish Council's decisions. Following the discussion:

**(i) To resolve that the Precept be raised by £4,000 to cover the estimated decrease in receipts and increase in payments**

**An amendment may be required as a Council Tax grant will now be received**

CLLR HIGGINSON ASKED THAT IT BE NOTED THAT HE VOTED AGAINST THIS AT THE ACCOUNTS TEAM MEETING

TB felt that as a receipt of approximately £3,293 has now been confirmed as a Council Tax Support Grant this figure should be reduced to £1,000. PG pointed out that even after this grant the projected expenditure would be in excess of the income and reserves would have to be used. He pointed out increases of £1,800 for the grass cutting Ashton Field, increases in the Clerk's salary and the additional pension and that the Council Tax Support Grant would be less than the current year's grant. GH felt that these should be absorbed and the Council run with the £4,000 deficit. KLB agreed with this.

**It was proposed by PG that Council run with a £2,000 deficit and that the Precept be raised by £2,000 rather than the £4,000 or £3,000 suggested. This was seconded by AB and resolved by 8 votes to 3.**

**(ii) To resolve that the Precept be increased by a further £25,000 to help with the expected costs of Praa Sands Toilets 2016/2017**

CLLR BEST ASKED THAT IT BE NOTED THAT HE VOTED AGAINST THIS AT THE ACCOUNTS TEAM MEETING

**It was proposed by GH, seconded by PG and resolved by 6 votes to 5 that the Precept be increased by a further £25,000 to help with the expected costs of Praa Sands Toilets 2016/2017.**

(iii) any further requested amendments/additions

**It was proposed by AB that as the RNLI are offering £1,500 a year, that an amendment be made to (ii) that the Precept to help with the expected costs of Praa Sands Toilets 2016/2017 only be increased by a further £23,500, not £25,000. This was resolved by 7 votes to 4.**

**(iv) To set the Parish Council Precept for the Financial Year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017**

**To resolve thus: that that the 2016/2017 Precept for Breage Parish Council be set at (Agreed figure) against an expected expenditure of (Agreed figure) with the difference being met from Parish balances and expected income.**

**It was proposed by PG, seconded by TB and unanimously resolved that the 2016/2017 Precept for Breage Parish Council be set at £74,500 against an expected expenditure of £87,414.98 with the difference being met from Parish balances and expected income.**

The amended listings are shown below:

	2014/2015	2015/2016	2015/2016	2016/2017
RECEIPTS	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget/ Precept
Precept	£49,000.00	£49,000.00	£49,000.00	£74,500.00
Council Tax Support grant	£4,495.96	£3,804.00	£3,618.79	£3,293.00
Breage Cemetery	£3,905.00	£1,800.00	£711.00	£1,800.00
General Admin	£93.80	£60.00	£63.75	£60.00
Grants & donations		£10.00		
Footpaths repayment from CC LMP	£3,273.00	£3,273.00		£3,273.00
Footpaths repayment from CC SWCP	£1,918.45	£1,918.00		£1,670.98
Bank Interest	£20.45	£15.00	£9.73	£18.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£62,706.66</b>	<b>£59,880.00</b>	<b>£53,403.27</b>	<b>£84,614.98</b>
VAT (recovered) previous year	£25.80			
VAT (recovered) 2015/2016	£2,727.31	£3,000.00		£2,800.00
	<b>£65,459.77</b>	<b>£62,880.00</b>	<b>£53,403.27</b>	<b>£87,414.98</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Administration</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	
Salaries and pension	£19,421.24	£19,700.00	£10,579.93	£21,780.00
Pension Employer			£110.15	£440.00
Clerk absence Provision		£1,500.00		£1,500.00
Expenses		£50.00		

91/15				
Councillors/Clerk Travel Expenses	£169.00	£190.00	£72.42	£150.00
Employer's National Insurance	£1,517.33	£1,650.00	£872.70	£1,800.00
Councillor and/or Clerk Training	£400.00	£500.00		£500.00
Bank charges	£61.51	£30.00		£30.00
Audit Commission/Internal Audit	£450.00	£500.00	£450.00	£550.00
Insurance	£929.41	£990.00	£909.43	£950.00
Stationery/Postage/Sundry office exp.	£1,751.20	£2,500.00	£798.35	£2,500.00
Subscriptions (CALC, Open Spaces etc)	£846.42	£900.00	£892.97	£900.00
Advertising & Website	£1,032.30	£250.00	£105.00	£300.00
Solicitors			£84.21	£500.00
Election/Referendum Provision		£3,500.00		£3,500.00
<b>Parish Rooms</b>				
Electricity	£728.76	£1,000.00	£368.89	£780.00
Telephone	£477.09	£380.00	£190.99	£480.00
Water	£44.87	£60.00	£30.45	£60.00
Maintenance/Repairs/Renewals/Electrics	£1,401.13	£1,000.00	£388.97	£1,400.00
Rates	£320.28	£350.00	£326.40	£350.00
<b>General Maintenance, Repairs, Cleaning</b>				
Notice Boards/Benches/Signs/Fences/Phone box	£503.60	£1,500.00	£420.56	£1,000.00
Bus shelters	£575.00	£500.00	£3,063.29	£500.00
Cemetery	£1,125.58	£1,500.00	£417.29	£1,250.00
Open Spaces Provision	£304.00	£300.00		
Praa Green	£402.00	£300.00	£406.98	£500.00
Praa Green Reserved allocation	£459.66		£28.00	
Praa Sands Toilets				£25,000.00
<b>Street Lighting</b>				
Routine Maintenance	£551.64	£1,000.00		£600.00
Non-routine Maintenance	£4,082.12	£6,000.00	£719.57	£4,000.00
Electricity	£3,084.68	£3,200.00	£1,032.06	£3,200.00
	<b>2014/2015</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>	<b>Budget/</b>
	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Precept</b>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>				
Contracts Grass	£5,193.00	£6,000.00	£1,880.00	£3,700.00
Ashton Field grass cutting				£1,800.00
Contracts Footpaths	£3,548.77	£5,000.00	£3,646.16	£4,000.00
South West Coastal Path	£1,918.45	£1,920.00	£1,670.98	£1,920.00
Breage Amenity Area	£167.00	£100.00	£80.00	£100.00
Grants s137 2015/16	£1,240.00	£840.00	£385.00	£740.00
Other grants/donations previous year			£800.00	
Other grants/donations 2015/16	£4,350.00	£3,900.00	£4,174.86	£1,947.60
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£57,056.04</b>	<b>£67,110.00</b>	<b>£34,905.61</b>	<b>£88,727.60</b>
VAT (paid)	£2,727.31	£3,000.00	£2,336.96	£2,800.00
<b>TOTAL plus VAT</b>	<b>£59,783.35</b>	<b>£70,110.00</b>	<b>£37,242.57</b>	<b>£91,527.60</b>
<b>Capital expenses</b>				

**Reserve allocation outstanding**

Praa Sands s106	£1,240.00
Praa Sands fence	£169.36
Cemetery (gift)	£130.07
N/461 donations	£5.00
	<b>£1,544.43</b>

More than previous year

Less than previous year

**7. PLANNING****a) TO CONFIRM PARISH COUNCIL'S DECISION**

**To resolve to confirm that Councillors voted that the following be delivered by Cllr Bradford at the Full Planning Committee Meeting on 16 November 2015 re. PA15/07005:**

*Good afternoon, I'm Howard Bradford Breage Parish Council.*

*BPC is very concerned that the Planning Officer's latest recommendations conflict with earlier PREAPP advice, since when nothing material has changed, other than more pressure to provide more housing.*

*There's a long planning history to this site with Enforcement issues still unresolved.*

*Local residents and the Community have objected to all previous applications in writing have attended Council Meetings, often feeling under duress by so doing, and BPC has unanimously supported them, and do so again by OBJECTING to this application.*

*1. It is **not** one of the sites identified for Affordable Housing by BPC, Cornwall Council, supported by Ashton Parishioners. Other sites in the village HAVE been, including one for 20 units on the other side of the A394 already being progressed.*

*BPC is very keen to provide more Affordable Housing but on the right sites. This site is not one of those!*

*2. There is no local community or Parish support at all for this proposal, and never HAS been*

*3. and no local consultation whatsoever.*

*4. The proposal is 'over development', inappropriate in design, density and mix given its location, sandwiched between large detached houses on individual plots.*

*5. The site's within the World Heritage Site, an important, highly visible and essential part of a broad green 'buffer zone', extending the length of the eastern boundary of the village. An undeveloped green space between Ashton and Penhale Jakes: to preserve their individual identities, to prevent the merging of the two communities and encroachment on Breage. The impact of its loss would be enormous, detrimental to the character of the area and village. It should NOT be sacrificed so willingly.*

*6. Access to Tregonning Close already is difficult. Strict 'no parking' restrictions, signs, surveillance and fines recently have been imposed on parking in the Close by the applicant since purchasing the Close, appearing to make it more accessible. During the previous 30+ years residents and others have parked without any restrictions whatsoever.*

*7. Prospect Row is a much used narrow single-width lane with NO footpaths, 'pinch points' less than 3m and no legal passing places where it leads to the A394. Access from the Close to it is a hazardous 'blind' junction/crossroads, visually and physically obstructed, which will be worsened and more dangerous with more traffic. BPC disagrees with Highways' views on this matter.*

*This application ignores many important issues.*

*Affordable Housing Schemes deserve to be better considered, fully justified and substantiated, and be well integrated accepted and welcomed by the community! not foisted on them! not stuck just anywhere and at any cost to local residents and community who haven't even been consulted!*

*BPC asks you please to support the residents the Ashton community and BPC and refuse this application. Thank you.*

**It was proposed by RWB, seconded by TB and unanimously resolved that Cllr Bradford be thanked for presenting the above at the Planning Meeting on 16 November 2015.**

**8. TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Heater in office – not working

It was felt by Council that a private meeting needed to be urgently arranged between the Parish Council and Cllr Duffin and Jon James, before the next Parish Council meeting, regarding further queries that needed to be addressed about the possibility of the Parish Council taking responsibility for the Praa Sands Toilets and what this would entail, what the Parish Council would want and what would be given by CC if there was to be a hand over. PG felt that a written statement should be obtained from CC. It was again stressed that no pressures should be put on the Clerk. **It was proposed by AB, seconded by PG and unanimously resolved that the Parish Council meets privately with Cllr Duffin and John James on 26 November from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Rooms to raise questions regarding a 6 month rolling contract and how it would be formalised if the Parish Council does agree to take responsibility for the Praa Sands Toilets. After which, the Parish Council discusses the way ahead with a view as to what will need to be brought to the monthly meeting on 1 December.**

**9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 1 December 2015, in the Parish Rooms, Breage at 7.00 p.m.; Christmas Meal for those who have booked Thursday 10 December 2015 at 7.00 p.m., The Lion and Lamb, Ashton; Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 12 January 2016 in the Parish Rooms, Breage at 7.00 p.m.**

These were confirmed.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.**

**BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HELD DURING THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO SET THE PRECEPT/BUDGET FOR 2015/2016**  
**HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE ON THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2015**

At 7.01 p.m. the Chairman invited members of the public to put forward any concerns they had, or issues they wished to make known to the Parish Council, in regard to any items on the agenda.

A Parishioner expressed how they were keen to make sure that the public conveniences at Praa Sands remain open. They felt it was essential for the good of the Parish. They understood that it is decision time and neither the Government nor CC are going to take on the public conveniences. There are lots of different things under attack at this time. Basic provision is needed and the Parish Council can either sit back and let the provision be diminished or be positive and make a contribution to help everyone in the Parish. If the PC chooses to take responsibility for the conveniences, it should do it wholeheartedly not grudgingly.

One of the business owners from Praa Sands, who had attended previous meetings, realised that the PC has taken a lot of flack regarding the toilets and appreciated what a difficult and thankless job it is. It was felt that the PC had taken things seriously and if the PC chooses to keep the toilets open he would help if he can.

Another Parishioner endorsed the sentiments expressed and felt it would be a great shame should the toilets be lost even though they do not use them. They are important for friends and relatives visiting the beach. It would cause enormous damage to the area if there were no public toilets. Public participation ended at 7.06 p.m.